

# ***WEIR WOOD SAILING CLUB***

## ***CLUB RULES AND BYE-LAWS***

*(revised January 2020)*

*NB The following rules marked with (\*) are essential so that the Club complies with the requirements of the Licencing Act.*

## **RULES**

### **Name and Objects**

- 1 The name of the Club shall be 'WEIR WOOD SAILING CLUB'.
- 2 The objects of the Club are to promote community participation in the sport of sailing and to maintain suitable premises for this purpose and to provide facilities for approved affiliated organisations.
- 3 The burgee of the Club shall be a triangular pennant with two broad horizontal bands, green at the head, black at the foot. Centrally there is a narrow white band over a narrower red band. On the green band are superimposed in white the letters W.W.
- 4 The Club shall be affiliated to the RYA and any other organisation approved by members with voting rights at a general meeting of the Club.

### **Membership**

- 5 Membership of the club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of sailing as a particular sport.

Membership subscriptions will be kept at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

The Club Committee may refuse membership or, subject to Rule 33, remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal of membership may be made to the members.

Membership categories and voting rights:-

- (a) Single Members being persons of at least 18 years of age at the first day of April (the beginning of the Club year) shall have one vote.
- (b) Family Membership. Is open to a single member, the spouse or partner and their children under 18 years of age at the first day of April but if in full-time education up to the age of 25 as at 1<sup>st</sup> April. The single member and spouse or partner shall each have one vote.
- (c) Couple – both partners under state pensionable age and having no children under 18 years of age (or under 25 if in full-time education) at the first day of April, shall have one vote each.
- (d) Senior Members – of state pensionable age shall have one vote

- (e) Senior Couple – both partners of state pensionable age shall have one vote each.
- (f) Cadet and Student Members (having no voting rights)
  - (i) Cadet - A person, being under 18 years of age at the first day of April, not included within a Family Membership, or
  - (ii) Student - A person being 18 years of age or over and under 25 years of age at the first day of April and in full time higher education.
- (g) Affiliated membership is open to approved organisations and subject to compliance with any special rules deemed appropriate by the Main Committee.
- (h) Honorary Members are entitled to one vote and are nominated and elected as follows:-

\*The Committee may nominate for election at an Annual General Meeting one or two Club members to become Honorary Members for a period of one, two or three years. In exceptional circumstances this period may be extended.

The election of Honorary Members shall be put at the Annual General Meeting each year and such Honorary Members shall be duly elected if two thirds of those present, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of election.

An honorary membership only covers the membership subscription. Honorary members must still pay boat fees for any boats kept or sailed at Weir Wood.

### **Club Officers**

- 6 \* Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year and shall hold office for one year, retiring at the termination of the Annual Meeting in each year. All Officers of the Club shall be eligible for re-election. (It is recommended that Officers of the Club serve no longer than 3 years consecutively).
- \* The officers of the Club shall consist of a Secretary, Treasurer, Sailing Officer, Membership Secretary, Development Officer, Services Officer, Training Principal, and Social Secretary. All are honorary positions. Club Management
- 7 The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Main Committee (herein referred to as ‘the Committee’) comprising the Officers and up to ten other full members. Five shall form a quorum.
- 8 In addition, most of the day-to-day management of the club shall be carried out by six sub-committees of co-opted members led by the relevant officers – Membership, Development, Training, Sailing, Services and Social – and with powers delegated to them by the Main Committee.
- 9 \* The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the Rules and shall cause the funds of the Club to be applied solely to the objects of the Club or for a benevolent or charitable purpose nominated by General Meeting.

In particular the Committee shall ensure that the property and funds of the Club will not be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and that all surplus income or profits are re-invested in the Club.

- 10 \* The Committee shall consist of the Officers, ex officio members and not less than two nor more than ten Voting Members of the Club elected at the Annual General Meeting each year to hold office until the termination of the next following Annual General Meeting. Five shall form a quorum.
- 11 Candidates for election to the Committee (not being Officers of the Club) shall be those members of the retiring committee eligible to offer themselves for re-election and such other voting members whose nominations (duly proposed and seconded in writing by voting members of the Club) with their consent shall have been received by the Honorary Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting in each year on the appropriate form provided with the Notice of Annual General Meeting. Such nominations, together with the names of the proposer and seconder shall be posted in the Club premises at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 12 In addition, provided the full complement of voting members has not already been nominated, up to two nominations proposed and seconded from the floor of the Annual General Meeting will be considered and put to the vote of those members attending.
- 13 The Main Committee of the Club may appoint a President and VicePresidents at their discretion, nevertheless there shall not be more than 4 VicePresidents at any one time.

#### **Limitation of Club liability**

- 14 Members, their guests and visitors are bound by the following rule which shall also be exhibited in a prominent place within the Club premises:

Members of the Club, their guests or visitors may use the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that:

- (a) The Club will not accept liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.
- (b) The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club or out of participation in any race organised by the Club whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect default or negligence of any of the members, the Officers, Committee or servants of the Club.
- (c) Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the Club, members will draw their attention to this Rule.

## **Powers of the Committee**

- 15 The Committee shall have the power to act as they deem fit should any matter arise which is not provided for in these rules. The said power includes the power to make and vary General Bye-laws, not inconsistent with these rules, in or about the management of the Club.
- 16 The Committee, or any person or sub-committee delegated by the Committee to act as agent for the Club or its members, shall enter into contracts only so far as expressly authorised, or authorised by implication, by the members. No one shall, without the express authority of the membership in General Meeting, pledge the credit of the membership.
- 17 In pursuance of the authority vested in the Committee by members of the Club, members of the Committee are entitled to be indemnified by the members of the Club against any liabilities properly incurred by them or any one of them on behalf of the Club wherever the contract is of a duly authorised nature or could be assumed to be of a duly authorised nature and entered into on behalf of the Club.

The limit of an individual member's indemnity in this respect shall be a sum equal to one year's subscription at the then current rate for that band of membership unless the Committee has been authorised to exceed such limit by a General Meeting of the Club.

## **Trustees**

- 18 There shall be at least three Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Committee of the Club from among those Members with voting rights who are willing to be so appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during his lifetime or until he shall resign, by notice in writing given to the Committee, or until a resolution removing him from office shall be passed at a meeting of the Committee by a majority comprising two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.
- 19 All property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as is necessary and practicable, on trust for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation, or removal from office of a Trustee, the Committee shall nominate a new Trustee in his place, and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the Trustees as constituted after such nomination. For the purpose of giving effect to any such nomination, the Honorary Secretary for the time being is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.
- 20 The Trustees shall in all respects act, in regard to any property of the Club held by them in accordance with the directions of the Committee, and shall have the power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property so held for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the

Committee's directions (which shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee) but no purchaser, lessee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given.

- 21 The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the Committee out of the assets of the Club from and against any liability, costs, expenses and payments whatsoever which may be properly incurred or made by them in the exercise of their duties or in relation to any property of the Club vested in them, or in relation to any legal proceedings, or which otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the functions of a Trustee of the Club.

### **Annual General Meeting**

- 22 Main Committee each year. At least 28 days' notice shall be given to all members. At the Annual General Meeting the accounts will be presented for approval and an Accountant will be appointed for the ensuing year. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on a date agreed by the

### **\* Special General Meeting**

- 23 (a) On receipt of a requisition signed by 30 voting members, the Honorary Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.
- (b) The Main Committee may at any time request the Honorary Secretary to call a Special General Meeting.
- (c) At least 21 days' notice of any Special General Meeting must be given to all voting members and must state the resolution to be put. No other business can be transacted at the Special General Meeting.
- (d) A Special General Meeting called pursuant to 23(a) above shall be held within 42 days of the receipt of the requisition.

### **Conduct of General Meetings**

- 24 Alteration of the rules may only be effected at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Club convened in accordance with rules 22 and 23.
- 25 At each Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, each member, being a voting member or an affiliated organisation, shall be entitled to one vote.
- 26 In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote, on any matter other than the election of members of the Main Committee.
- 27 On any resolution properly put to a meeting of the Club relating to the creation, repeal or amendment of any rule of the Club, such rule shall not be created, repealed or amended except by a majority vote of at least two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

Provided that no such change shall jeopardise the Club's status as a Community Amateur Sports Club within the meaning of the Finance Acts, or in any event alter its purposes or winding-up provisions.

### **Sailing Sub-Committee**

- 28 (a) The sailing sub-committee shall comprise the Honorary Sailing Secretary, Class Captains and other co-opted members. Four shall form a quorum.
- (b) To maintain fleet status, each recognised class shall be represented by its own class captain on the sailing sub-committee.
- (c) Matters arising under the sailing rules shall be referred to this sub committee for decision.

### **Admission of Members**

- 29 (a) All applications for membership must be made online or in writing.
- (b) The Committee may refuse applications only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club into disrepute. Appeal against refusal to elect may be made to the members in General Meeting.
- (c) When the necessary fees have been paid the Honorary Membership Secretary shall enter or update the Applicants details in the membership database and shall furnish the Applicant with a copy of the Rules and Bye Laws of the Club.
- (d) Until an Applicant has paid the appropriate fees and at least two days have elapsed since the application was made they shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club.

### **Fees and Subscriptions**

- 30 There shall be an entrance fee for each single member and first member of family membership and an entrance fee for each cadet and senior member and affiliated membership. These fees (which may be zero) shall become due on application to the Club.

Fees and subscriptions shall be as recommended by the Main Committee and approved by the members at the AGM or SGM, for the all categories of membership.

Subscriptions shall be due on application or before 31 March. Any member wishing to withdraw from the Club shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Membership Secretary before March 31<sup>st</sup>. Any member whose subscription is not paid by 30 April will be deemed to have resigned from the Club and must re-apply for membership, in which case that person shall be liable to pay the appropriate entrance fee specified above.

### **Temporary Honorary Membership**

- 31 May be conferred on visitors as the Main Committee may decide. The numbers of temporary Honorary Members shall not at any one time exceed 20 per centum of the total at that time of full members.

### **\* Visitors**

- 32 Members of the Club are entitled to introduce visitors provided that no one person is introduced more than 5 days in any one year. Host members must ensure that their visitors comply with rule 40. Neither visitors nor the host member shall use non-registered boats/boards. (See General Bye-law 2.)

### **Expulsion**

- 33 Every member shall be held to have undertaken, on joining to comply with the rules and bye-laws of the Club. Any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club or contrary to the rules and bye-laws of the Club shall render the member liable to expulsion or suspension from the Club by the Main Committee. PROVIDED THAT, before expelling a member, the Committee shall call upon such member for a written explanation of the Member's conduct and shall give the member full opportunity of making explanation to the Committee, or of resigning.

A resolution to expel a member shall be carried by a simple majority vote by those members of the Main Committee present and voting on the resolution.

### **Complaints**

- 34 Complaints of any nature relating to the management of the Club shall be addressed in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Under no circumstances shall a servant of the Club be personally reprimanded by a member.

### **Use of the Premises**

- 35 This shall be restricted to members and their visitors as defined above subject to the terms of our lease dated 20 January 2016 between Weir Wood Sailing Club and Weald Water Enterprises Ltd., and the bye-laws following.
- 36 A member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage any property of the Club and shall make restitution for the same if called upon to do so by the committee or by the Honorary Secretary upon the instructions of the Committee.
- 37 In the case of affiliated organisations, members of these organisations are only permitted to use the water when their activities are organised and under the direct control of a responsible official and in addition to complying with the rules and bye-laws of this Club they will in all circumstances comply with all rules of their own organisation.
- 38 (a) No craft shall be sailed on the Reservoir unless it is covered by a current insurance policy to a minimum cover level as stipulated by the Main Committee. Such cover shall include third party indemnity.



(b) Only registered craft may be sailed and then only after the appropriate fees due have been paid.

### **Use of the Club House**

39 The Main Committee may make, revoke or vary Club House Bye-Laws, not inconsistent with these rules, to regulate the use of the Club House. Subject to any such bye-law, all categories of member may use the Club House together with the President, Vice-Presidents, members of affiliated organisations, temporary Honorary members and visitors permitted by rule 32.

### **\* Purchase and supply of excisable goods**

40 (a) The purchase for the Club of excisable goods and the supply of the same upon Club premises shall be exclusively and solely under the control of the Main Committee, or of a special sub-committee appointed by the Main Committee.

Intoxicating liquor may only be sold for consumption on the Club premises to persons aged 18 years or older, who are entitled to the use of the Club premises in pursuance of the rules and bye-laws for the time being in force. No member, whatever their membership band under 18 years of age may purchase or attempt to purchase intoxicating liquor within the Club premises, nor may such a member under the age of 16 years purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco or cigarettes within the Club premises.

(b) No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to members or to any other persons on the Club premises otherwise than by or on behalf of the Club. No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for payment to any person on the Club premises other than a member.

(c) Subject to the requirements of the licensing authorities, the Main Committee shall cause the Club bar to be opened at convenient times (and such times shall be prominently exhibited in the Club premises) for the sale of excisable goods to persons who are entitled to the use of the premises in pursuance of these rules (except members, whatever their band, under the age of 18 years): provided that visitors' names and addresses and the name of their introducing member shall have been entered in the Visitor's Book upon entry to the Club premises.

(d) No person shall take a commission, percentage or other such payment in connection with the purchase of excisable goods for the Club. Any profit deriving from the sale of such goods shall (after deduction of the costs of providing such goods for the benefit of the Club) be applied to the provision of additional amenities or the purchase of property to be held in trust for the benefit of the Club.

(e) Proper accounts of all purchases and receipts shall be kept and presented at the Annual General Meeting in each year and such information as the Honorary Secretary or Honorary Auditors may require shall be furnished to enable any statutory return or statement and the payment of excise or other duty or tax to be made.

## Notices

- 41 Each member entitled to vote at a General Meeting shall keep the Honorary Secretary informed through the Honorary Membership Secretary of that member's address, email address and phone number to which communications and notices to convene General Meetings can be sent.
- 42 All notices shall be posted in the Club House and it shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary to ensure that any such notice remains so exhibited throughout any period required by or under these rules.
- 43 Notice to convene a General Meeting shall be sent to members at their address as notified to the Honorary Secretary.

## Abandoned Boats

- 44 If at any time boat fees or subscriptions payable to the Club by any member or former member shall be **in arrears**:
  - (a) The Committee shall be entitled to move the boat to any other part of the premises without being liable for any loss of or damage to the boat howsoever caused and the member or former member shall have no rights to the boat park space so forfeit even if payment is subsequently made.
  - (b) If at any time boat fees or subscriptions payable to the Club by any member or former member shall be **one month or more in arrears**, the Committee shall be entitled upon giving one month's notice in writing to the member or former member, at his last known address shown in the register of members, to sell the boat and to deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscriptions or boat fees or otherwise), from the net proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the member or former member.
  - (c) Alternatively, any boat which in the opinion of the Committee cannot be sold may, upon such notice as aforesaid, be disposed of in any manner the Committee may think fit and the expenses recovered from the member or former member. Any arrears as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a debt owing to the Club by the member or former member.
  - (d) Further, the Club shall, at all times, have a lien over members' or former members' boats parked or moored on the Club's premises or moorings in respect of all monies due to the Club, whether in respect of arrears of boat fees or subscriptions or otherwise.

## Dissolution of the Club

- 45 In the event of the dissolution of the club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:
  - (i) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a charity and/or

- (ii) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or
- (iii) to the sport's national governing body for use by it for related community sports

## **BYE-LAWS**

### **CLUB MANAGEMENT**

- 1) An Arbitration Panel will resolve all matters of irreconcilable differences in any of the WWSC Committees. The Panel will comprise three from among the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, The Treasurer and the Secretary. On receipt of a written submission of dispute, the Panel will endeavour to deliver a determination within two weeks. The decision of the Panel will be by majority vote, will be final and binding.
- 2) In the event of material failure to comply with the WWSC Rules, Bye-laws or Procedures, written evidence must initially be submitted to the Arbitration Panel. If the complaint is upheld and cannot be resolved by subsequent negotiation with the relevant party, the matter will be escalated to the Main Committee for determination under the disciplinary procedures prescribed in WWSC Rule 33.

### **SAFETY**

- 1) Members are responsible for their own safety and that of their children, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing in notices of events, Club programmes or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is the sole responsibility of members to ensure that their boat is sound, suitable for the conditions and adequately equipped to take part in a particular event and the crew is sufficiently competent, experienced, physically fit and suitably clothed to take part. The provision of support boats does not relieve the member of this responsibility.
- 2) An Officer of the Day (OOD) will be on duty on Saturdays, Sundays, Bank Holidays and, during the summer period, Wednesday evenings. When the red ensign is flown a support boat(s) will be on duty. Members undertaking support boat duties are amateurs, many with limited experience and no member should depend upon their services for their safety or that of their crew or possessions. If conditions are very bad the OOD may stand down the support boats but this will not prevent sailing for those who judge themselves sufficiently competent.
- 3) A powered Support Boat shall be provided and manned at all times when sailing is taking place except as provided in Bye-Law 4. It is the duty of the support boat crew to familiarise themselves with the Support Boat Operating Instructions. Club members shall assist to the best of their ability any crew in a craft which appears in distress.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are sailing after the support boat is withdrawn, the Club House may be shut and your personal items locked inside.

- 4) Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all persons going afloat including the use of pontoons, rescue craft, rafts, sailing craft, etc.

The following are the minimum standards required in respect of buoyancy aids:-

Adult - 50N minimum positive buoyancy

Child - 50N minimum positive buoyancy

Buoyancy aids must be properly fitted and securely fastened.

- 5) All craft shall have securely fastened, or have been constructed with, positive buoyancy, sufficient to support both craft and crew. Class rules shall also have been complied with. Boats shall be subject to a buoyancy test at the Sailing Committee's discretion.

## NOTES

Members' attention is drawn to the dangers of either immersion, or exposure when wet, during cold weather. It is obviously desirable that clothing be changed as soon as possible after immersion.

Whilst awaiting the support boat, keep as still as possible. Vigorous activity when in cold water dissipates body heat quicker than it can be generated.

The wearing of wet suits/dry suits is strongly recommended as an aid to comfort and safety.

Please remember that younger children are particularly vulnerable to cold and should be properly dressed (e.g. wetsuit/drysuit etc). Please do not take out a child when there is no support boat cover if you are unsure of your own competence.

## SAILING REGULATIONS

- 1) Sailing shall be restricted to those portions of the reservoir between the submerged Admirals Bridge and the dam. The western boundary of the Club's sailing area is marked by two white spherical buoys. The Club does not generally enjoy exclusive use of the water and members must ensure that they do not needlessly antagonise other users of the water.
- 2) All craft, including those racing, must keep clear of moored fishing boats as far as practicable and at least 15m clear. All craft must keep 50m clear of shore-based fishermen except in an emergency. Club members must not remove, re-position or otherwise interfere with any floating object which might possibly be associated with the fishermen. Boats wishing to land may do so within the area between the dam and the bay to the east of Willow Point (known as Oppy bay)
- 3) All cruising craft and sail boards shall keep clear of the start and finish lines when racing is in progress.
- 4) Cruising craft are requested to give way to any craft racing
- 5) In no circumstances shall a boat be deliberately capsized (except for swamp tests required to prove buoyancy, etc.) unless carried out as part of instruction or recognised proficiency test.
- 6) No craft shall beach unless in an emergency or for training purposes except within the area between the dam extending along the south-eastern shore to the bay area adjacent to the moorings and west launching ramp.

- 7) When no OOD is on duty, sailing may take place as follows:
- (i) any time during daylight hours for adult members
  - (ii) for junior members<sup>1</sup> any time during daylight hours during the months of April to November but only if directly supervised<sup>2</sup> by a parent, guardian, or nominated responsible adult on and off the water
  - (iii) scheduled training and coaching activities overseen by the Sailing Development committee.

No formal support boat facilities will be available. The club advocates 'Buddy Sailing' so that should anyone get into difficulties another person will be on hand to help. Sailors should pay particular attention to the safety rules. It is recommended that only those with at least RYA Seamanship Skills or equivalent sail or supervise junior members when no OOD is on duty.

- 8) Powerboats may only be launched in the following circumstances:
- (i) Scheduled training and coaching activities overseen by the Sailing Development committee
  - (ii) Support boat cover as approved by the duty OOD
  - (iii) Maintenance
  - (iv) other activities when an OOD is not on duty if approved by the main committee
- 9) Children under the age of 16 may only travel in powerboats in the following circumstances:
- (i) As driver RYA level 2 qualified – under the supervision of an adult as required by the RYA certificate
  - (ii) As driver unqualified – under the supervision of a RYA Powerboat instructor
  - (iii) As a passenger – During formal training or coaching sessions as necessary
  - (iv) As a passenger – At any other time only if being transported to shore

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<sup>1</sup> The terms junior members, children, and young people are interchangeable and mean anyone under 18 years old.

<sup>2</sup> On the water – this means able to render assistance if required, normally in the same dinghy or from another sailing dinghy, not from the shore.

## GENERAL

- 1) The smooth and safe operation of the club during organised sailing (Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesday evenings from May to August inclusive) relies on members volunteering to fill roles allocated by the main committee. These roles include Officer of the Day, Race Officer, Time Keeper, Support Boat Crew and others. Members under the age of 16 will not be expected to fill these roles. If members feel they may have difficulty fulfilling a volunteer role they are encouraged to discuss this with the Duty Co-ordinator.
- 2) Every owner must notify the Honorary Membership Secretary of the type, name and sail number of any craft that will be used on the reservoir for including in the Club register. No craft may be substituted without informing the Honorary Membership Secretary. (Periodic checks are made by officials of the Club.)
- 3) All craft must display a current boat sticker in a prominent and accessible position at all times (i.e. dinghies should display the sticker externally on the transom or on the mast above the boat cover). Without a boat fee sticker properly displayed, the Committee may consider the craft to be abandoned and act in accordance with Rule 44.
- 4) No sailboards may be used on the water unless registered as belonging to a fully paid-up WWSC member. They should be clearly marked in a manner prescribed by the Committee for ease of identification.
- 5) Members shall be responsible for keeping the land around the Club premises including the boat parks and amenity areas, in a clean and tidy condition. Also, keep the area around their boat park space from becoming overgrown. However, the use of chemical controls is strictly forbidden.
- 6) Fishing by sailing Club members is not permitted.
- 7) Multi-hull craft and boats over 250kg may only be admitted to the club at the discretion of the membership sub-committee.
- 8) No dogs or other pets shall be allowed on the Club premises. (This is also a Water Company rule).
- 9) No member or visitor shall commit any act which may result in the fouling of the premises, the reservoir or the water flowing into it.
- 10) **Use of unregistered boats**

Taking into account the requirements of Club Rule 38 and General Byelaws 2 and 3 above, it has been agreed that, from 2018, occasional use of unregistered boats by members may be allowed provided the form below has been fully completed and the appropriate fee paid to the OOD. This provides temporary registration.

- An unregistered boat is one that does not have a current boat subscription and will not be displaying a current boat sticker
- Unregistered boats cannot be kept on site

This policy **does not apply to non-members** for whom there are separate arrangements:

- Boats brought to site for Open Meetings.
- If a non-member wishes to sail a member's registered boat, the member must be present and sign the non-member in as a guest in the visitors' book kept in the clubroom.
- Non-members enquiring about sailing an unregistered boat at Weir Wood should be asked to contact [membership@wwsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@wwsc.org.uk)

### Registration form for use of an unregistered boat

Member's name		Membership No.	
Boat class		Sail No.	
Fee paid (circle the amount paid) Single-hander £15 Crewed boat £20		Date	
Declaration by member	I confirm that the boat above is insured with third-party liability cover of at least £1m and that I will remove the boat from site at the end of the day.		
Signed (member)			
Signed (OOD)			

**Completed forms shall be retained in the OOD's log**

### BOAT PARK BYE-LAWS

#### 1) Boat Park spaces

Members whose boats occupy a boat park slot as recorded by Boat Park Audits shall have a right to retain that slot only while they have a valid (paid up to date) boat subscription. Where a slot is claimed by one member but taken by another the original claimant has prior claim to the slot only when the above condition is met. Appeals can be made to the Club Secretary under rule 34.

Notwithstanding the above, the Committee retains the right to move any boat to another part of the boat park if there is an over-riding need for the club to do so. The Committee will not use this power unreasonably.



The Heavy Boat area of the boat park (previously known as the Flying Fifteen area) is reserved for boats weighing more than 250kg such as Flying Fifteen, Drascombe lugger. Other boats may not be parked in these spaces.

2) **Temporary absence of member**

A member who, for any reason, anticipates inability to use the Club or its facilities for the whole of any one year but wishes his boat/s to remain on site shall pay a boat subscription and/or additional boat subscription as appropriate plus an administration fee equal to the social membership fee. The member will be transferred to the Weir Wood Supporters group and will have no rights to sail and no voting rights. This arrangement is strictly at the discretion of the club and each case will be reviewed annually. A member wishing to be re-instated during the year shall pay such portion of the relevant annual subscription as the Committee shall require. No joining fee will be payable.

3) **Road Trailers**

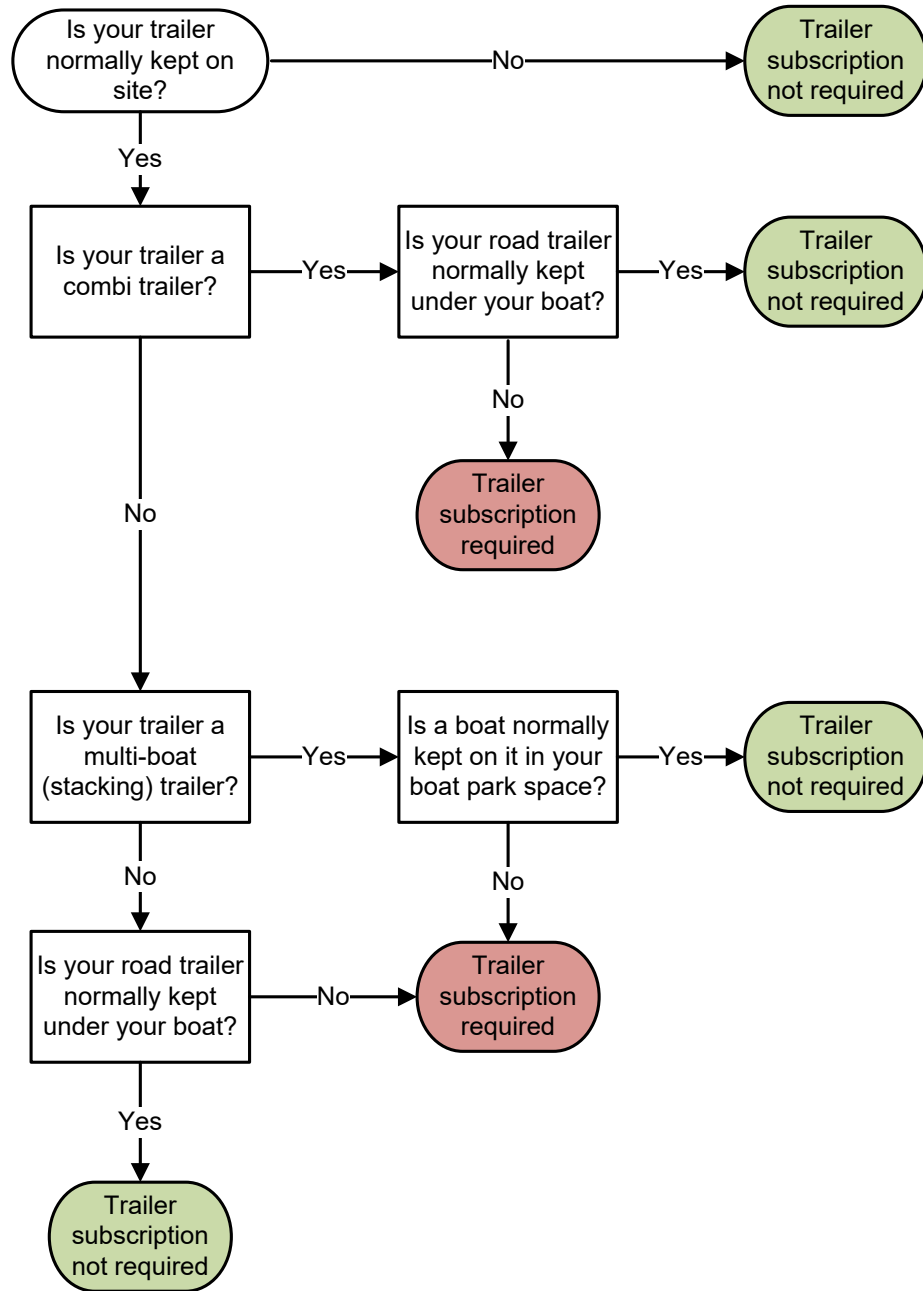
- (i) It shall be every member's responsibility to ensure that their road trailers are clearly and visibly marked with the owner's membership number
- (ii) Road trailers (such as the road base part of combi trailers or stacking trailers with at least one boat<sup>3</sup> normally stored on it) may be kept under boats as long as that boat has a current subscription
- (iii) Road trailers not kept under boats must be stored in the designated storage area (currently in the far (Mirror) boat park)
- (iv) Road trailers may not be left in boat park spaces other than spaces for which the trailer's owner has a valid boat subscription
- (v) Road trailers stored in the designated area will attract a "separate trailer" subscription to be determined from time to time by the main committee.

**The flow chart below provides an easy way to determine whether a "separate trailer" subscription is required.**

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<sup>3</sup> Note – this does not alter the requirement for every boat to have its own boat subscription

# Do you need a separate trailer subscription?



## CLUB HOUSE BYE-LAWS

- 1) **Notices** may only be posted in the Club House by an official of the Club. Other persons wishing to post a notice there must obtain the prior consent of the official with whose functions the notice is more closely connected. Failing such consent, the prior consent of the Vice-Commodore is required. Notices after posting may be removed as the Vice-Commodore decides.
- 2) **Visitors** – Attention is drawn to the Club Rules 32, 35, 40 and 41. Members introducing visitors remain responsible for their visitor's behaviour and must, together with their visitors, sign the visitors' book.
- 3) **Access** – The Club House may be opened and closed on any day under arrangements made by the Main Committee.
- 4) **Licensing Laws** – The Main Committee shall ensure due observance of the relevant licensing laws. Every person using the Club House is required to give the Main Committee full co-operation in ensuring such observance insofar as that person or his visitors or any member of his family is concerned. Permitted licencing hours are posted in the bar area of the Clubhouse.
- 5) **Drinking-Up Time** – The Main Committee may permit the consumption of intoxicants supplied during the permitted hours during the ten minutes next following the close of such hours during which the intoxicants in question were supplied.
- 6) **Consumption** – The only part of the Club premises upon which intoxicants supplied by the Club may be consumed is the Club House and grass amenity areas immediately adjacent to the Club House.
- 7) **Children** are not allowed behind the bar.
- 8) The member operating the bar must comply with the Bar Rules as displayed in the bar area.
- 9) **Smoking** is prohibited in all enclosed areas of the clubhouse i.e. on the balcony or surrounding grounds smoking is permitted.

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